co-passengers. A case under Section 392 and 34 Indian Penal Code was registered at Kalyan Railway Police Station The accused Santosh Kashinath Mane, Vithal Babu Jadhav and Babya Hiraman Mane, have been arrested and property worth Rs. 310 recovered

(c) The present rules do not provide for compensation for loss suffered by passengers on luggage being carried by them in their custody.

(d) The Ministry of Railways have informed that no laxity has been found.

Sale of Bangladesh girls

2472. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that at New Seemapuri, Delhi, a flourishing trade of selling Bangladeshi young girls to touts is going on openly and with the knowledge of police authorities concerned;

(b) whether it is a fact that a young beautiful girl is sold for Rs. 500/- under the pretext of marriage, but is sent to Pakistan through Amritsar;

(c) whether Government are aware of the case of a girl named 'MARIAM', who was forcibly taken into the flesh trade by touts and afterwards sold to the flesh trade markets in Agra;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the inability of the police authorities concerned in stopping this illicit trade;

(e) what action has so far been taken or is proposed to be taken in respect of various news items in newspapers in this regard; and

(f) what remedial measures are contemplated to completely eradicate this evil not only from the Capital, but from the entire country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No such incident has either been reported or has come to the notice of the local Police.

(b) and (c) Delhi Police is not aware of any such incident.

(d) The veracity of the news-item appearing in a Bengali daily dated 2nd & 3rd Nov 1987, has been checked up by the Delhi Police. The persons finding mention in the news-item were contacted They have stated that there is no truth behind the news-item.

(e) and (f) Division and beat patrolling staff have been directed to maintain vigil in hte area and to deploy 'sources' for the collection of intelligence in this regard Prompt legal action is taken as and when any such complaint is received

Assam Rifles

2473. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Rifles has been grouped among the Central Police Organisation by the Central Fourth Pay Commission; if so, what are the reasons for not giving identical pay and allowances to them; and

(b) whether it is a fact that specially skilled personnel like Cipher Clerical/Medical/Signal have been grouped among unskilled general duty personnel and have not been given equivalent grades and status of their counterparts in CPOs as that of SI/ASI; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH). (a) and (b) The Fourth Pay Commission had grouped the Assam Rifles, the Border Security Force the Central Reserve Police Force, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police and the Central Industrial Security Force as Central Organisations (CPOs) and took the view that all

the CPOs should have broadly common pay scales. Accordingly, they had recommended revised pay scales for different categories of posts in the Assam Rifles on par with those recommended for corresponding ranks in the other CPOs. With some modifications, the Government have notified the same revised scales of pay for different categories of posts of equivalent ranks in different CPOs including Assam Rifles. In the process, the Assam Rifles personnel holding different non-gazetted combatised ranks each of which had four different pay scales (Groups 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D', grouping being passed on trades/skills) prior to 1-1-86 have all been allowed with effect from 1-1-1986 the same revised scales as admissible to Group 'D' (General Duty category) of the relevant rank. As regards special pay for proficiency in different trades in CPOs, a review is being undertaken.

As regards allowances, they were not uniform in every respect in all CPOs (other than Assam Rifles) prior to 1-1-1986, since conditions of working differ from force to force. The approach has been to consider each one's case on merits and to allow allowances on uniform basis to the CPOs, wherever necessary.

The Assam Rifles have brought to the notice of the Government that adoption of the revised pay scales on the CPO-pattern and discontinuance of classification pay, good service pay and appointment pay to non-gazetted combatised personnel have not benefited the non-gazetted combatised personnel of Assam Rifles as much as it would if the Army pattern of scales had been adopted with effect from 1-1-1986 also. The matter is being looked into in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

Turn-over of Narcotics

2474 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total turnover of narcotics during the last three years till date, indicating the figures yearwise;

(b) what was the amount of seizures of narcotics during these years; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to eliminate this wide gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) It is difficult to quantify the extent of traffic in narcotics. However, there has been a sharp increase in the quantities of narcotics seized in recent years, especially of heroin and hashish, as indicated in the following Table:

Name of drug	1984	1985	1986	1987 (upto October (provisional)
	(Quantity in kilograms)			
1. Heroin	203	761	2,621	2,294
2. Hashish (Charas)	4 369	10 312	18,909	12,879
				7 hashish oil

(N.B.:—Figures rounded off to the nearest kilogram.)

Government have already taken various measures to curb traffic in narcotics The preventive and intelligence machinery has been geared up and appropriate enforcement measures are taken in co-ordination with the Central and State enforcement authorities concerned A liberalised reward scheme has been introduced by the Government under which the Central and State enforcement officers and their informers are entitled to rewards for drug seizures. The drug offenders are proceeded